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## THE GERMAN PEACE

The peace with Germany was made so quietly that scarcely any notice was taken of it, yet it was one of the most important things accomplished in years. The present administration went about the matter in a statesmanlike way with no one to herald what they intended to do, and no retinue of reporters to brag about their triumph. It was simply a part of the job.

Reviewing the terms of the treaty of peace that has been negotiated with Germany, we find that it secures to the United States all the rights and benefits of the Versailles treaty without involving this country in any way with the league of nations covenant and the entanglements and disagreements which would be certain to result therefrom if this nation were a member.

This is as it should be. The league covenant was no proper part of the treaty of peace. It was outside matter inserted to please the vanity of an executive who, through impractical idealism or ambition, sought to force the league into the treaty in defiance of the United States Senate. The only proper purpose of a peace treaty is to settle the differences incident to the war. This could have been done and was done in that part of the treaty of Versailles which did not relate to the league.

There is every reason why the United States should be and at the time of the negotiation of the treaty should have been a party to all the agreements relating to peace between Germany and the Allied and associated nations. The United States Senate was ready to ratify a treaty dealing with those problems, and so informed the President in the famous "round robin". The league covenant, the settlement of boundaries other than those between Germany and other nations, the adjudication of China's interest in Shantung—were all matters not properly a part of a treaty of peace with Germany.

Those outside matters are left out of the treaty President Harding has negotiated with Germany. He confined his attention to the one definite task of agreeing upon terms of peace, and this he has done in an admirable manner. In the treaty the United States does not evade any responsibility which, from either moral or legal considerations, it ought to assume. It does not undertake to set aside any provision of the Versailles treaty. If other nations wish to go into a league, we do not oppose. If other nations wish to settle European boundaries, we do not object. If China shall be willing to accept the Shantung arrangement, there will be no protest from us. The whole substance of our position in those matters is that they are no concern of ours and we will neither approve or disapprove. We leave them out of the treaty we have negotiated.

President Harding and his Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, have negotiated the treaty without any fuss or flourish. There has been no tooting of horns, no parading of "diplomatic triumphs," no sending of ship-loads of conferees to Europe. All the talk of "secret diplomacy" has fallen flat, for the treaty is a plain, straightforward agreement in no way in conflict with the Versailles treaty, and is just such an agreement as the Senate would have ratified promptly if negotiated two years ago. No fault has been found, no fault can be found, with this treaty. It assures to the United States all the rights it ought to enjoy under the Versailles treaty and avoids the burdens and responsibilities and dangers which that treaty created but which the United States ought not to assume.

Though he has not been accorded that credit, President Harding has achieved a real diplomatic triumph, the importance of which will be fully realized as time shall demonstrate the wisdom of this course. Moreover, the result fully justifies the attitude of those Senators who refused to approve the Versailles treaty with its outside provisions.

## PRESIDENT HARDING—AN APPRECIATION

A well known American journalist who deals in facts and not in flatteries has written an appreciation of President Harding which everybody should read. The President wears a 10½ D shoe. A man with such an under-footing cannot be stamped. This is characteristic of Harding in all he does. He has created an atmosphere of good-fellowship at Washington and makes himself agreeable to all comers. His Cabinet takes its cue from the President. He is a good listener and sends folks home with a good feeling about themselves. But President Harding always does what he himself thinks will be best for this nation and he has the faculty of making those who work with him come round to his point of view. He has made a great hit in his call to the nations on disarmament. Let us uphold the President in this great undertaking. If the nations disarm for five years the change in the world would be so great that armaments would be held in abhorrence ever afterwards.

Some people get the idea into their heads that just because they happen to believe something it is true. Well that may or may not be the fact in the case. For years folks believed the earth was flat, believed the sun was shoving up every morning and dropped down every night, believed if you sailed far enough into the ocean you would drop off into space, and many other things that to us are equally absurd. If you don't know a thing is true keep still about it until you find out. It does not pay to guess and it's foolish to make extravagant statements. Most of us are not of enough importance so we can afford to force our beliefs onto other people. The most important thing for most of us to learn is the real difference between what is false and what is true.

Did you ever stop to think how much better it is to admit frankly you don't know, and then ask questions till you find out, than it is to try to give the impression you know it all, and are quick witted, when as a matter of fact you are only ridiculous. If you've never thought about this do it now. It will save a lot of mistakes and embarrassments.

There was a time when girls used to take painting lessons, but alas, it has departed with many of the other old fashioned things. Now they give painting lessons to the younger girls.

## With Our State Contemporaries

## AUTOMOBILE "SPOONERS"

The automobile "spooners" who make themselves ridiculous and often disgusting in cars parked along the country roads are being subjected to organized warfare in various communities. One rural village, adjacent to a large city, has been so overrun by these objectionable young visitors that a bonus of eight cents per couple has been offered to the public for their arrest.

The custom of taking one's best girl out for a buggy ride is as old as chariots, and the occasional hand holding, which accompanied it in former years was as innocuous as the old family horse and open sidecar buggy which served as the means of transportation. But the speeding automobile with its encouragement of lawlessness has developed a type of highway lovemaking which is vulgar and indecent, a menace to those who indulge in it and an affront upon the respectable folk whose neighborhoods are sullied by it.

Many a warning has come from welfare workers and those conversant with court proceedings that automobile riding, unlimited and unhappened, is playing a large part in the increase of juvenile delinquency. When police crusades become necessary to put check upon these unwholesome performances it is time society woke up.—Potosky Evening News.

## CONTROLLING THE SPEEDERS

There will never be sufficient police forces to hold the speeding automobilists in check. The searchers may behave fairly well in towns when they see an officer, but when they get out on the roads, their hog nature shows itself. Speeders will have to be checked by the action of the motoring public, who shall work to correct the excesses of those of their own number who show a wrong spirit.

The Automobile Legal Association of New England prints in its magazine a form of complaint which members of that society are supposed to use in reporting reckless drivers. On receiving such a complaint with the motorist's number, the society remonstrates with him, and urges him to co-operate in making the roads safe. A fellow who thus gets called down a few times begins to think.

The motorists of Michigan should co-operate in such ways to control the speeding element, which makes the roads dangerous even for careful people. Whenever a driver does a rank thing someone should get his number and describe the incident to some authority that will take the matter up with him, and persuade him to use more care in the future. People are too good-natured in tolerating the reckless acts of dare-devil drivers.—St. Johns News.

## STATE MOTTOES

Often the Record has been asked for the motto of some state. Here with we publish the motto of every state in the union. This is interesting information, preserve it for future reference.

Alabama—Here We Rest. Arizona—God Enriches. Arkansas—The People Rule.

California—I Have Found It. Colorado—Nothing Without Providence. Connecticut—He Who Transplanted Still Sustains.

Delaware—Liberty and Independence. District of Columbia—Justice to All.

Florida—In God Is Our Trust. Georgia—Wisdom, Justice, Moderation.

Idaho—Hail, Illinois—National Union, State Sovereignty. Iowa—Our Liberties We Prize, Our Rights We Will Maintain.

Kansas—To the Stars Through All Difficulties. Kentucky—United We Stand, Divided We Fall.

Louisiana—Union, Justice and Confidence.

Maine—I Direct. Maryland—Manly Deeds, Womanly Words. Massachusetts—With the Sword She Seeks Quiet Peace Under Liberty. Minnesota—The Star of the North. Michigan—If Thou Seekest a Beautiful Peninsula, Behold It Here. Missouri—The Welfare of the People is the Supreme Law. Montana—Gold and Silver.

Nebraska—Equality. Before the Law. Nevada—All for Our Country. New Mexico—It Increases by Going. New York—Excelsior. North Dakota—Liberty and Union, One and Inseparable, Now and Forever.

Oregon—The Union. Pennsylvania—Virtue, Liberty and Independence.

Rhode Island—Hope. South Carolina—Prepared in Mind and Resources, Ready to Give Life and Property. South Dakota—Under God the People Rule.

Tennessee—Agriculture, Commerce. Virginia—Ever So to Tyrants.

Washington—Byebye. West Virginia—Mountaineers are Always Free Men. Wisconsin—Forward. Wyoming—Let Arms Yield to the Gown.

## IDENTIFIED WATCH FIND

Professor H. M. MacCurdy of Alma College identified the object that A. B. Scattergood recently discovered in a watch that he was repairing, as the larva tina, which Mr. Scattergood and others at first believed to be a very diminutive snake.

## LARGE MUSHROOM

Mrs. Brearly, owner of the Wright House, purchased Tuesday what is believed to have been the largest mushroom, Lycoperdon Giganteum, that has ever been brought into this city. It was 49 inches in circumference and weighed 7½ pounds.

## Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

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## A GREAT FRIEND

1861—March 4, Abraham Lincoln inaugurated sixteenth president, age fifty-two.

April 14, Fort Sumter surrendered.

April 15, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers.

1862—Sept. 22, emancipation proclamation.

1863—Nov. 19, Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

1864—Nov. 8, Re-elected president.

1865—April 14, shot by John Wilkes Booth.

April 15, died, aged fifty-five.

THE stone walls of the White House no more shut Lincoln in from his fellows, from their hopes and sorrows and pride, than did the unknown logs behind which he shivered in the cabin home of his youth. One night he dreamed that he was in a crowd, when some one recognized him as the president and exclaimed in surprise: "He is a very common looking man." Whereupon he answered: "Friend, the Lord prefers common looking people. That is the reason he makes so many of them."

Lincoln liked people, and he always kept in touch with the mass. He did not have to take the word of politicians or newspapers about what the country was thinking. He went to the source.

As he finished his daily wrestle with senators and the big-wigs, he plunged with zest into what he called his "public opinion bath." Seated in his chair, with one leg thrown over its arm, he received the motley crowd that poured in through the wide open door of his office. Those who approached him in awe found themselves at ease in the presence of a friend, whose manner said to every one what he said in a speech to a regiment: "I happen temporarily to occupy this big White House. I am a living witness that



Abraham Lincoln.

any one of your children may look to come here as my father's child has."

The man fairly exhaled democracy, fraternity, equality. Frederick Douglass said that Lincoln was the only white man he ever met who did not show consciously or unconsciously that he recognized his color.

Sympathy flowed in a constant stream from his fountain in this great heart. A mother's tears, a baby's cry, a father's plea, a crutch or an empty sleeve never failed to move Lincoln. "If he has no friend, I'll be his friend," he said as he stopped the shooting of a soldier, under sentence of a court-martial.

"My poor girl," he said to a woman who pleaded for the life of her soldier brother, "you have come here with no governor or senator or member of congress to speak in your cause; you seem honest and truthful and you don't wear hoops, and I'll be whipped if I don't pardon him."

Lincoln's office was almost his prison cell through four terrible years. The shouts of his two little boys at play always were welcome notes of joy to their care-weighted father. He never objected to their noisily bursting in upon him, and often he joined the children in their boisterous games in the White House grounds.

In the dark days when the nation itself was at death's door, one of the boys died. For weeks the grieving father strove in vain to win a spirit of resignation, dropping his work for a day at a time and surrendering to his sorrow. Doubtless the fortitude he gained at last in that wrestle with himself became part of the heroic faith which lifted him above the general despair when the fortunes of the Union sank lowest.

After Willie's death, the other boy received a double share of paternal affection. Tad was in the habit of going to his father in the evening and making a report of all that had happened since morning, usually falling asleep in the midst of his prattle. Laying the little fellow on the floor by the side of his desk, Lincoln returned to his heavy tasks until his own long day was done, when he took his sleeping boy on his shoulder and carried him off to bed.

## CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement, also for the beautiful floral offerings.—Mrs. Anna Simison and Children.

## Weather and Crop Bulletin

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

Temperatures much above normal, plenty of sunshine and moderate to heavy rains over the southern, and light showers over the northern counties mark the weather conditions for the week ending at 7 a. m., September 6th.

## GENERAL SUMMARY

All crops were much improved by weather conditions during the past week. Corn harvest is general, silos are being filled and one week more of good weather will put corn out of danger of frost. Late potatoes are making fine growth and the quality will be much improved. Beans have matured rapidly and pulling is quite general over the southern counties. Pastures are in fine condition and clover cutting for seed is under way. The condition of sugar beets is generally favorable. The yield of cucumbers and muskmelons is the largest of record and the quality excellent. Fall plowing is general and the sowing of winter wheat and rye is under way over the northern and central counties. All fruit except late apples are being marketed; the yield is light but the quality excellent. Late apples over the central and northern counties will be a fair yield and the quality much better than usual.

## ORGANIZE CIRCLE

An interesting and very enthusiastic meeting was held at the First M. E. church on Tuesday evening. The meeting marked the organization of the Alma Circle of the Child Conservative League by Mrs. S. M. Conley, national organizer. The members of the Circle are making plans for intensive work during the coming year and under the able leadership of Mrs. A. Frevert, who was a member of the Charlie City (Iowa) Circle, the success of the work is assured. Mrs. Frevert was unanimously elected president. Other officers are Mrs. G. V. Wright, vice-president; Mrs. F. W. Fadden, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Donald B. Smith, press reporter. The League work should be of vital interest to fathers and mothers and all those interested in child training. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, at the home of Mrs. G. V. Wright, 710 Gratiot avenue. This will be an informal meeting and all members are urged to come and get acquainted.

## OPEN SEVEN NIGHTS NOW

Beginning the first of this week the Strand theatre on East Superior st., which had been closed for four nights a week during the summer months, started on its fall and winter schedule of seven nights a week. During the course of the summer Manager Miller has arranged contracts whereby some of the latest and best motion pictures will be brought to the local show house during the fall and winter.

The Strand is open every night—advertisement.

## Record Directory FOR READY REFERENCE

## Preserve This and Then You'll Know

President and Congress  
President, Warren G. Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$150,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$250,000 in all. (Subject to change.) Vice-President, Calvin Coolidge, Mass., salary \$12,000. President pro tem of senate, Albert B. Cummins, Iowa.  
Speaker of House, Frederick H. Gillett of Mass.; salary \$12,000. The 96 Senators and 435 Representatives of 67th congress receive \$7,500 salary each, with mileage extra at 20 cents a mile each way, each session, figured on distance between their homes and Washington; also \$125 extra for stationery, newspapers, etc. Each is also allowed \$3,500 a year for clerk hire. Ratio of representation, one member to each 211,875 population.

Party Division in 67th Congress: House 301 Rep., 133 Dem., 1 Soc. Senate 69 Rep., 27 Dem.

U. S. Senators—Chas. E. Townsend, Truman H. Newberry.  
Representative in Congress—Joseph W. Fordney.

The Cabinet  
Arranged in order of presidential succession: Sec'y State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.; Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; War, John W. Weeks, Mass.; Atty-Gen., Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster-Gen., Will H. Hays, Ind.; Sec'y Navy, Edwin Denby, Mich.; Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. Mex.; Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover, Calif.; Labor, James J. Davis, Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.

The Supreme Court  
Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary \$15,000. Associate Justices, salary, \$11,250 each: John McKeen, Calif.; Oliver W. Holmes, Mass. (Ret.); Wm. R. Day, Ohio (Ret.); Willis VanDevanter, (Ret.); Mahlon Pitney, N. J. (Ret.); James McReynolds, Tenn. (Dem.); Louis D. Brandeis, Mass. (Dem.); John H. Clarke, Ohio. (Dem.)

Michigan Government  
Governor, Alex. J. Groesbeck, salary, \$5,000; Lieut. Gov., Thomas Read, salary, \$300.00; Secretary of State, Charles J. Boland, salary, \$2,000.00; State Treas., Frank E. Goodman, salary, \$2,500.00; Auditor Gen., Oramel B. Fuller, salary, \$2,500.00; Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary, \$5,000.00; Sup't. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$4,000.00; State Highway Com., Frank F. Rogers, salary, \$7,000.00; Senator of District, Aaron Aron, salary \$300.00; Representative of District, David G. Locke, salary, \$300.00; Supreme Court Justices, salary \$7,000.00; Joseph B. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard Weist, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Sharpy.

County Officers  
Circuit Judge, Edward J. Moinet, salary \$25,000.00; Judge of Probate, James C. Kress, salary, \$2,400.00; Sheriff, A. T. Wilkert, salary, fees; Clerk, Bernice Case, salary, \$1,500; Treas., Edna J. Ever, salary, \$1,500; Pros. Atty., O. L. Smith, salary, \$2,200; Register of Deeds, Chas. Heister, salary, fees; School Com., Howard Potter, salary, \$1,600; Circuit Court Com., Archie McCall, Wm. A. Bahke, fees; Drain Com., Evva Laycock, salary \$1,500; Coroners, W. R. Ludwig, Dr. Hall, fees.

City Government  
Mayor, Chas. R. Murphy, salary, \$300.00; City Commissioners, John C. Chick, Floyd Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Cresser, salary, \$200.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary \$2,000.00; City Clerk, Francis C. Hayward, salary \$300.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary, \$1,800.00; City At-Large, Wm. A. Bahke, salary, \$1,200.00; Health Officer, Dr. John N. Day, salary, \$1,500.00; Chief of Police, James R. Campbell, salary \$1,750.00; Supervisors, 1st ward, Jesse E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Snaad, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Jacob D. Helman, salary, \$300 per day on actual time.

## Ellison's Grocery

Extra high grade Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	5c
VanCamp's Baked Beans, small can	9c
VanCamp's Baked Beans, medium can	14c
VanCamp's Baked Beans, large can	21c
Snow Cap Pilchards, lunch fish, can	20c
Tuna Fish, white, in olive oil, per can	25c
Cocoa, high grade, in bulk, per lb.	15c
Plain Kraft or Pimento Cheese, per tin	15c
Rio Coffee, same as Lion, per lb	15c
Santos Coffee, good sweet drink, per lb	23c
Golden Jubilee Tea, green, per ½ lb pkg.	15c
Dust Tea per lb	20c
3 lbs. Excelsior Coffee for	\$1.00
3 lbs. Monarch Coffee for	\$1.10

## Ellison's Grocery

Does the Hen Stop Scratching  
When  
The Worms Are Scarce?  
I'll say she don't  
Neither do we and to prove it look  
at these prices—

Little Gents' Brown Calf School Shoes, sizes 8½ to 13½	\$2.95
Youths' Brown Calf School Shoes, sizes 1 to 2	\$3.25
Boys' Brown Calf School Shoes, rubber heels, sizes 2½ to 5½	\$4.00
Little Girls' Brown Calf School Shoes, sizes 8½ to 11	\$2.85
Little Girls' Brown Calf School Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2	\$3.50
Young Ladies' Brown Calf School Shoes, sizes 2½ to 7½	\$4.50

## Exclusively Shoes

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Thursday and Friday

## WALLACE REID

—in—

## "THE LOVE SPECIAL"

Final Chapter of "The Son of Tarzan"

Saturday

## CHARLES RAY

—in—

## "THE VILLAGE SLEUTH"

Christie Comedy

Sunday and Monday

## BETTY COMPSON

—in—

## "PRISONERS OF LOVE"

Toonerville Trolley Comedy

Tuesday and Wednesday

## VIOLA DANA

—in—

## "HOME STUFF"

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